The Compound

Literary Devices – Chapter 7-8

1. **“When he managed to find some bands I liked, I had to transfer them to my player. No problem. I was made of time.”**
2. **“Your father said we might be the only ones left. Or some of the few left. And we owed it to the world to give it the biggest population we could.”**
3. **I rolled my eyes. “And you bought that story?”**
4. **“What the hell, the cards were on the table. It was the time to ask what I’d always wondered,**
5. **but never had the guts to talk about. “Why did you do it? Agree to it?”**
6. **“She’d never broached the subject of the Supplements with me before, even though it was always there, hanging over our heads.**
7. **She probably thought it wasn’t worth it, me being the cold loner that I was.”**
8. **“There’s a lot you don’t know, Eli.” She backed off, her eyes looking down. I wanted to spit the words out. “Like what?”**
9. **She tried to find my eyes behind the curtain of hair. ”**
10. **“There’s a time lock, set to open fifteen years from the date we entered.” I already knew that much. Why was he so damned stingy with the details? ”**
11. **The smugness creeped me out.**
12. **Just my opinion, but people in shelters after nuclear wars have no business being smug.**
13. **“Dad removed his reading glasses. ..“Eli, there’s something you don’t know.” You think? I remained silent.**
14. **“I got a wireless Internet signal.” ....Even though I knew he’d been keeping stuff from us, that revelation threw me....**
15. **My words were full of disbelief.**
16. **With a subtle trace of accusation.”**
17. **“...a while ago, I got a wireless Internet signal."**
18. **My mouth gaped. Dad smiled, nodding. “I know, I know, it felt like a miracle. I didn’t want to say anything.”**
19. **“I’m thinking a government somewhere, maybe ours, spread wireless Internet like a blanket, so survivors could be in contact with one another.**
20. **I knew I was on the losing side of the debate due to the grim reality of radiation sickness;**
21. **vile beyond belief, endless puke and diarrhea until you die. Oppenheimer’s cholera.”**
22. **“I could see Dad’s having ties to the government, but the stuff about Mom was bull.**
23. **I didn’t buy it at all. ”**